

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 242, July 09, 1949 ]**

**PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE  
APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE OFFICERS INTO THE REGULAR  
FORCE, ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES.**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 207 empowers the President, within a period of two years from the approval thereof, to appoint and commission Reserve Officers into the Regular Force of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in grades above second lieutenant and to prescribe rules and regulations therefor; and

WHEREAS, it is for the best interest of the military service that appointments and commissions under Republic Act No. 207 be made on a fair and equitable basis with due regard to the situation of Reserve Officers who have demonstrated their fitness to hold commissions in the Regular Force, as well as to the necessity of insuring that officers now in the Regular Force will be afforded reasonable security in their present grades and relative seniority;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Republic Act No. 207, do hereby prescribe the following rules and regulations to govern the appointment and commission of Reserve Officers into the Regular Force:

SECTION 1. The appointment and commission of Reserve Officers into the Regular Force under authority of Republic Act No. 207 shall be subject to the qualifications, conditions and limitations hereinafter set forth.

SEC. 2. Appointments and commissions in the Regular Force under this Order shall be in the grades of first lieutenant, captain, and major, and equivalent grades in the Naval Patrol. The Chief of Staff shall determine the number of officers to be appointed in or assigned to the several arms, branches or services of the Regular Force.

SEC. 3. To be eligible for appointment and commission in the Regular Force, any Reserve Officer must:

(a) Be a citizen of the Philippines, at least 25 years of age on May 28, 1948, of good moral character, physically fit for general military service and have passed examination as may be prescribed by order of the Secretary of National Defense;

(b) On or before May 28, 1948, have honorably rendered at least one year of active service as a commissioned officer in the Army or Armed Forces of the Philippines, or in any guerrilla unit duly recognized as a component thereof, or in the Army of the United States.

SEC. 4. Any Reserve Officer eligible for appointment as commissioned officer in the

Regular Force shall be credited with a total period of his active commissioned service up to May 28, 1948, in the Army or Armed Forces of the Philippines, or any guerrilla unit duly recognized as a component thereof, or in the Army of the United States: Provided, That any additional fraction of a year of active commissioned service amounting to six months or more shall be counted as a complete year: Provided, also, That each Air Corps officer who was a flying cadet on or after December 8, 1941, shall be given additional credit equivalent to one year of active commissioned service for every two years spent as a flying cadet.

SEC. 5. (a) Reserve Officers appointed and commissioned in the Regular Force under authority of Republic Act No. 207 and this Order (except those appointed in the Air Corps, Naval Patrol, Judge Advocate General's Service, Medical Corps, Dental Corps, and Nurse Corps) shall be placed in the Regular Force promotion list as follows:

- (1) Those with 12 or more years' active commissioned service shall be placed at the bottom of officers who graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1938 and below all other officers (not graduates of the Academy) who follow immediately the Academy graduates of that year in the said list.
- (2) Those with 11 or more but less than 12 years' active commissioned service shall be placed immediately above the list of officers who graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1940.
- (3) Those with 10 or more but less than 11 years' active commissioned service shall be placed at the bottom of the list of Regular Officers who graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1940 and below all other officers (not graduates of the Academy) who follow immediately the Academy graduates of that year in the said list.
- (4) Those with nine or more but less than 10 years' active commissioned service shall be placed at the bottom of the list of officers who graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1941 and below all other officers (not graduates of the Academy) who follow immediately the Academy graduates of that year in the said list.
- (5) Those with eight or more but less than nine years' active commissioned service shall be placed at the bottom of the list of regular officers who would have graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1942.
- (6) Those with seven or more but less than eight years' active commissioned service shall be placed at the bottom of the list of regular officers who would have graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1943.
- (7) Those with six or more but less than seven years' active commissioned service shall be placed immediately below the list of regular officers who would have graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1944.
- (8) Those with four or more but less than six years' active commissioned service shall be placed immediately below the list of regular officers who would have graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1945.